



Kenmore Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

Escuela de Kenmore Asociación de Padres y Profesores

September 11, 2018

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm

In attendance: Quorum and interpreter. Secretary absent.

Welcome – PTA President, Fran Cloe. Parents encouraged to enjoy potluck while meeting takes place.

Principal's Report –

Mr. McBride introduced the Administrative Team: Angie Close, Christine Joy, Kaitlin Brenahan, Octavia Searles (not present) and welcomed the parents to a new school year. This year, there are 958 students enrolled at KMS, largest enrollment ever, and sixteen new teachers are on staff.

Reviewed the [school's twitter feed](#) highlights:

- Kenmore Middle School is being recognized as a Special Olympics Unified Champion Banner School.
- First Day of School Videos
- 9/11 Tribute
- Wednesday Moms

McBride wrapped up by reminding parents of the No Cell Phones policy for students (new this year) and was greeted with enthusiastic applause. He thanked the parents for their support.

PTA President Address –

Fran Cloe presented PTA goals for the school year: Communication, Community Engagement and Fundraising.

Communication:

Efforts underway to broaden communication include: Standing PTA meetings (2nd Tuesday of each month), Saturday Meetings (4th Saturday of most months) and Wednesday Moms group (meet every Wednesday at 10am). All meetings include interpretation, and all are encouraged and welcome to participate.

Provided information on [PTA listservs](#), [Kenmore PTA Facebook page](#), [Kenmore Parents/Friends of Kenmore Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#) (@KenmorePTA) and [Kenmore Directory](#), all means of PTA communication. Details can be found on the [PTA website](#) which is kept updated throughout the year. <https://kenmore-pta.org>

Janeth Valenzuela, Chair of the Hispanic Parents Committee, provided details on the Wednesday Moms Group. The meetings are primarily conducted in Spanish, but English interpretation is available. She also spoke about the upcoming Harvesting Dreams program taking place on **October 20**.

Community Engagement:

Fran reviewed successes of the Community Engagement Committee's work last year including bringing awareness of Muslim holidays to the community. We need volunteers to keep this committee going. Please consider volunteering!

Fundraising:

Funds are raised to support grants for teachers. Last year we gave over \$14K in grant money to teachers to help fund programs ranging from field trips to in-class resources. Primary way we raise funds: Silent Auction, Kenmore Dines Out (monthly this year), [No Sweat donations](#). Also raise funds via [membership](#) (please join), [linking grocery cards](#) (Giant and Harris Teeter), special [link for Amazon](#).

Kenmore Dines Out: Brick's Pizza. October 3 and December 5, mention Kenmore when you place your order from Brick's Pizza (4-8pm) and Kenmore receives 25% of the sale.

Grants Chairperson, Lisa Coll, reviewed [grant request process](#) which takes place in the Fall (September 26) and in Jan/Feb. There are currently two open positions on the Grants committee. [Please consider volunteering!](#)

Note to Parents: Other open committee positions, [in need of volunteer\(s\)](#): Community Engagement Committee; Newsletter Editor; School Supplies coordinator; APS Ambassador; 5K; Hospitality; President/Vice President (for next school year).

Old Business:

Audit of finances presented by Audit Committee. Motion to approve was seconded and passed. Thanks to Tim Watson, our outgoing PTA Treasurer, for doing a great job on behalf of the PTA.

New Business:

New Treasurer, Kelly Krug, reviewed the current budget.

Parent inquired about starting a Gardening Club/Outdoor Education Committee. Principal McBride responded that neither currently exist but would be welcome additions to the school/PTA. Would require teacher sponsorship and parent volunteer.

Monica reminded parents about [Spirit Wear, which is available to purchase online](#) at the bottom of the "Join the Kenmore PTA" form.

Official Business concluded, and meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Parent Panel began.